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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the following paragraphs of the specification.

In the Abstract

Please replace the abstract with the following new abstract:

A method of stabilizing tissue includes positioning a solid implant entirely within a patient's body at a host site and expanding the implant by absorbing liquid into the implant while the implant is at the host site.